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Dear Jim,

I've just heard from Marina Oswald Porter. She would like to get Lee's Internal Revenue records. If I understood her correctly, she said that the person of whom she made the request claimed that they had been destroyed, the normal practise after a certain number of years. I told her that these records exist, that I had tried to get them and had been refused on privacy grounds. I also told her that if she would give me a privacy waiver I would try again. While I was suggesting that she write me a letter along the line I was indicating she made a much better suggestion, that I send it to her in writing. While we were talking about this one of us suggested that you handle this for me, and send her the letter in proper legal form.

I would like to go farther because she has been treated badly by many people. I would like at the same time to send her the request so she will know exactly what we are asking for and what she can expect me to send her if and when I get it. I would also like her to get a copy of whatever we file when we file it formally and copies of all further correspondence to and from the various agencies.

We may change the language of the request as we think it over and if we can do we can and should provide her with copies. But we should get started, so I suggest that the request be for all income tax records and all other records pertaining to his income taxes, whether given to the Warren Commission or withheld from it. The request should be sent to the Archives, Internal Revenue, Justice Department and FBI separately, Secret Service and maybe even Navy. This merely requires a separate xerox for the various agencies, the same request serving for each.

In each case we should ask for prompt action because of my age and health because they may all try to stonewall. We may want to consider filing suit if they do not respond promptly and ask for any extensions of time they may claim to need.

This reminds me, if any copies of any such records were sent to Dallas or New Orleans, they are within my C.A. 78-0322 and I'd like you to please raise this by phone with Danny Metcalfe. How they may be filed in the Dallas office is immaterial. They are within that request and it is already in court.

With some of these agencies filing an amended request with the privacy waiver may entitle it to priority because of the earlier filings. You have copies, I think.

Her address is Box 220A, Rockwall, Tx., 75087. (I'm not certain of the final 7 but it should reach her anyway if it is another number. You know my writing!) So she can see that I'm being open with her I'm sending her a copy of this letter.

I think we should draft the request with care because there may well be strong opposition to it.

Best wishes, Harold Weisberg